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TC 1700 Examiner: Kuhar, Anthony J. Serial No. 10/014,795 December 14, 2001 Date: October 24, 2003 REDUCTION IN MINERAL SALT DEPOSITION Title: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. ☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 18 minus highest number previously paid for (at least 20) =\$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 Independent claims after amendment 0 minus highest number previously paid for (at least 3) =\$ 86.00 \$ 0.00 3 0 Х If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) \$ 950.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered . filed Submission attached Subtotal \$ 950.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$ 475.00 Applicant claims "small entity" status.

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firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 24, 2003 (for which petition is hereby made for a three month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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